



## HAYLE TOWN COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING

THURSDAY 2 JULY 2020

Minutes of the Hayle Town Council Meeting held via Zoom on Thursday 2 July 2020 commencing at 7.15pm with a **Public Participation Session**.

### PRESENT

Councillor	C Polkinghorne (Mayor)
Councillors	S Benney, H Blakeley, B Capper, S Johnson, P Nidds, J Pollard, A Rance and A Roden
Town Clerk	E Giggall
Facilities Manager	P Drew
Acting Asst. Clerk	M Costello

### 7.15 PM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

No members of the public wished to speak.

### 7.15 PM THE MEETING COMMENCED

#### 14 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS (FOR INFORMATION ONLY)

There was nothing to report.

#### 15 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor's Coad, Cocks and Mims.

#### 16 TO DISCUSS MATTERS RAISED DURING PUBLIC PARTICIPATION 18 JUNE 2020

There were no matters raised.

#### 17 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

#### 18 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING 18 JUNE 2020

**It was resolved** that the minutes of the full council meeting 18 June 2020 be taken as a true and accurate record.

The Mayor to sign each page in due course.

**19 TO NOTE AND RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE THE REGISTER OF DELEGATED DECISIONS**

**It was resolved** to note and retrospectively approve the register of delegated decisions.

**20 TO RATIFY THE DECISION TO APPOINT COUNCILLOR RANCE AS A MEMBER OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**It was resolved** to approve the decision to appoint Councillor Rance as a member of the Personnel Committee.

**21 REPORTS FROM OTHER BODIES/WORKING PARTIES/EVENTS**

- a) To receive an update from the Clerk on the Open Spaces Meeting convened by Cornwall Association of Local Clerks which focussed on wild camping and the opening of toilets and play areas

The Clerk explained that she had joined the third meeting on Open Spaces held by the Cornwall Association of Local Clerks (CALC) to represent West Cornwall. She was invited to attend as she has raised concern about wild camping in the area. These meetings convene every 2 weeks with the Director of Environment for Cornwall Council (CC), Peter Marsh as chair, representatives of CALC, Police, National Trust and the National Farmers Union, and stakeholders in open/accessible and private space management.

She told members that she felt this was a positive interaction enabling Hayle Town Council (HTC) to be aware of other councils and organisations concerns and actions.

Councillors discussed the reports of wild camping and campers parked at several sites in the Hayle area and the fact that this issue was difficult to address with the Police being under resourced. They felt that the issue may increase with the anticipated influx of visitors expected who may find it difficult to find accommodation which could be fully booked already.

**22 ACCOUNTS**

- a) To approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for May 2020 as listed on Appendix B

**It was resolved** to approve the Income and Expenditure of the Council for May 2020 as listed on Appendix B.

**23 STANDING AGENDA ITEMS**

- a) Hayle Harbour Update
  - i) Representatives of the North Quay development team, if available, to present an update regarding North Quay

The Clerk explained that the Harbourmaster had been in contact to provide a written update from the new Construction Director and she told Councillors that the Developer, Simon Wright had asked to be invited to attend this meeting but was not present. The report was read out by Councillor Roden whereupon the members expressed their disappointment that no meaningful Cornish names had been included for the development.

The members discussed the works in progress behind North Quay where large quantities of spoil were being moved through the Cricket Ground to be stored in mounds of some metres height at Riviere Fields and this was causing concern to local residents. It was reported that CC Planning Enforcement were now aware of this issue.

A further discussion centred on foundation work apparently being carried out in the yard area which had no permission granted.

Finally, members discussed their disappointment in Hayle Harbour Company in not providing the regular updates that they had assured HTC would occur.

**It was resolved** to note the report and ask that the North Quay development team consult HTC regarding naming of the development.

**It was further resolved** to notify CC Planning Department that work has started in the yard area with no apparent permission.

#### b) Cornwall Council Update

It was reported that the plan to change the parking restrictions on North Quay had gone through consultation as requested by HTC, with a site meeting planned. Plans were already in place to implement no parking behind the Customs House which could impact on the Swimming pool car park, already extremely busy. Apparently the other end of the Quay will have parking bays from the end of Fisherman's Quay to the end of the Marine Renewables Business Park which will be free of charge but with no overnight parking and signs have gone up to inform of free parking at Harvey's Towans. The members were frustrated that the developers were not keeping the public better informed.

Councillors discussed the re-opening of the town plan and concerns were expressed about potential conflicts of interest between shopkeepers and the need to allow space for pedestrians to safely social distance. The Mayor reported that he had already received complaints about the cones that had been placed along the Penpol Terrace parking area.

#### c) Community Asset & Devolution of Services Update

The Clerk described the safety measures which the Facilities Manager had implemented in order for the town's 4 toilets to be open for the coming weekend, including signposts and queueing systems.

#### d) Cornwall Community Governance Review

The Clerk told Councillors that she has received correspondence questioning whether an agreement on the proposed boundary between Hayle and Gwinear/Gwithian was in place. The Clerk confirmed that communications between HTC and Gwinear/Gwithian commenced early in the process and that she will look again at the map as although both parties agreed on some points there was no formal local agreement.

## 24 CLERK'S REPORT/CORRESPONDENCE/CONSULTATIONS/MEETINGS

- a) To discuss the former St Elwyn's Mess Room on Commercial Road and other potential devolution sites

The Clerk explained to members that HTC has previously shown an interest and repeatedly expressed concern over the appearance and condition of the building. CC has now approached HTC to ask that it considers all CC owned sites in the town, including the St Elwyn's Mess Room, and to submit a 'wish list' so that a 'holistic' package of devolution can be negotiated between the two bodies. It was noted that despite a request car parks were still not on the list as potential devolution options.

*(The Facilities Manager joined the meeting at 8.08pm)*

The Facilities Manager reported that the building known as the Mess Room is in a poor state of repair and its location could be problematic for HTC in the future should the bank need repair. The Clerk also pointed out the extra implications such as workload and running costs and felt that the whole matter needed a separate committee meeting to discuss each site in detail.

**It was resolved** to write to CC demanding that the building is renovated and secured or demolished as a matter of urgency as if HTC was to take it on it would want it in a safe condition. Adding that HTC would like to discuss the matter of all sites in the long term through meaningful talks over coming months.

**It was further resolved** to refer the whole issue to the next Amenities Committee Meeting.

- b) To consider commissioning Chris Rolley Associates to undertake a full review of the Democratic Governance Structures to include Committee Structure, Meeting Cycle and the Scheme of Delegation, as per his recommendation

The Clerk explained that at this time the Schedule of Meetings for 2020/2021 have not been formally adopted due to the Covid-19 lockdown, therefore, it would be timely to consider a review which Chris Rolley had previously discussed and already made some verbal recommendations during the Staff Review he undertook earlier in the year.

**It was resolved** to hold an informal session of council to consider options and determine a way forward.

- c) To present an update regarding recent discussions with the NHS and Bodriggy Surgery re long term proposals for Hayle Community Centre and to discuss options for short-term uses of the Community Centre by tenants and users

The Clerk gave Councillors a brief roundup on her recent meeting with the NHS tenants and representatives of Bodriggy Surgery and explained that whilst they would like to formalise taking on more space in the Community Centre the funding was not currently in place, but she had been advised that the funding bid was to due to be submitted and a decision made imminently.

She also explained that she and a couple of Councillors had also met with Dr Evans of Bodriggy Surgery and that he had expressed an interest in obtaining the site in the long term to provide a much needed to extension to the existing surgery, with the potential to accommodate the NHS teams. Members discussed these options briefly and agreed that they had a duty to obtain the best price as it was public money.

The Clerk further explained that as a gesture of goodwill the NHS users had been given use of the casual hire rooms free of charge to help with social distancing at the start of the lockdown. Members were told that a survey of the regular casual hirers had revealed that most would wish to come back when safe and ideally to resume regular bookings from September. After a brief discussion, Councillors felt that the NHS tenants can use as much space as they need with but they now must be charged in accordance with the council's duty to ratepayers.

**It was resolved** to work with and house the NHS as much as possible, whilst trying to accommodate the rest of the casual hirers in alternative rooms, but to set a deadline for the end of the goodwill gesture and charge the appropriate rates.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Approved by the council as a true record, at its meeting 16 July 2020

**Town Mayor** ..... **Date** .....

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